



Gerdy's Rescues & Adoptions

TURNING SAD TALES INTO HAPPY TAILS

GERDY'S CONTINUES TO CHAMPION THE UNDERDOGS



We sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you in good health! This unprecedented year has forced all of us to adapt to the changes and to shift our priorities. Gerdy's Rescue has adjusted to the new order by extending a hand to those families affected by the pandemic, enforcing new criteria for adoptions like doing Covid-safe backyard home visits, adhering to veterinarian protocols, and keeping everyone safe.

The effects of the pandemic have deeply imprinted the animal rescue world, both positively and negatively. Many of you were fortunate to have already had a pet at home providing companionship during these difficult days, but many people have found themselves lonely with time on their hands and have reached out to rescues

and shelters to adopt a pet. As a result, adoptions everywhere have sky-rocketed creating a dearth of adoptable, domestic pets. The fallout from this is that kitten and puppy purchases from internet sites, from backyard breeders and from puppy mill operations have soared. We suspect that once life returns to normal, surrender and abandonment numbers will escalate.

Along with the very adoptable ones, Gerdy's continues to champion the underdogs, like the ones left behind requiring extensive medical care, the seniors and the palliative cases. They still need our help, pandemic or otherwise. Since March 2020 with the economic decline, many people in our animal community have found themselves out of work and in a pinch to find the extra



Rhonda D. and Lisa G. at a backyard visit

funds to pay for critically needed veterinary care. Gerdy's Rescue has been providing financial aid to help people save their pets, often avoiding the dreaded alternative of euthanasia. There is a deep concern about how the pandemic will play out and how the animals who are so dependent on our care will be affected.

We are so fortunate to have supporters like you! We depend on and are supremely grateful for your generosity.



Groomers Susan G. and Emma L.

R.I.P.

Carolyne Desrosiers

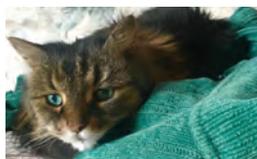
was a friend, adopter and foster mom for Gerdy's Rescue. She will be genuinely missed by her adopted dogs



Carolyne with Moppy

Moppy and Nootlin (was Hope) and by Lulu who she so generously fostered at the height of Covid-19, only months prior to her untimely passing. Our deepest sympathies to daughter and best friend Julia, another animal lover.

Angel was a wonderful and treasured companion to Gerdy's Aunt Helen until her passing. Beautiful



Angel, Gerdy's roommate

Angel then became Gerdy's roommate and they lived harmoniously until Angel died at age 16 in May 2020. She is deeply missed.



Nikki+ Ella



Ricky+ Lucas

ADOPTED TOGETHER IN 2020



Tia+ Kyle



Trixie+ Robin



Priscilla+ Rogan

THERE IS STILL SO MUCH WORK TO BE DONE!



From breathless to full of beans!

Breathing-compromised since she was a pup and never vetted, **Kaylie** was dumped at a local pound needing serious surgeries in order to live. Already

six years old with palate, larynx and trachea problems, the risk of surgery was high. This bundle of energy survived and enjoys life with her Pug brother, Woody.

The greatest turnaround

For years, **Boots** spent his days in a crate and was let out of a basement window on a rope to do his business, until Gerdy's stepped in. He was unwell, needed urgent vet care for a chronic UTI and had serious behavioural issues. Hard work and determination from his keen foster mom, who adopted him, paid off. He is now a happy, easy boy.



A shout-out to all the pet stores in and around Montreal who supply us with food for our foster homes and for all the homeless animals we feed. We appreciate their decision not to sell pets in their establishments.

Re-homed at 15!

No family member stepped forward when **Amore's** elderly owner moved to a residence. This girl with multiple health problems was vetted and placed in a palliative home filled with canine company, home-cooking and tons of love.



Third time's a charm!



When **Rosie** (was Eadie) came to Gerdy's Rescue at 3 months old she had already been abandoned by two families. Now 10 months old, she is living the dream with her forever mom.

Pepper (was Mia) and Nixie

Remember **Pepper**, diagnosed with aggressive cancer in 2018? Two years later this "palliative case" is alive and kicking. Her family adopted puppy Nixie from us and life is grand.



Phoebe has epilepsy

Abandoned at an emergency hospital, one-year-old **Phoebe** needed soft palate surgery, Gerdy agreed to take on the case and find her a forever home. Days before the surgery Phoebe started having cluster seizures that postponed the surgery for a few months. Hoping that proceeding with the surgery and spaying her might help the epilepsy, the surgeons decided to take a chance. Although the surgeries were successful, Phoebe still suffers from seizures that our vet team is working on to control. She is in a loving foster family.



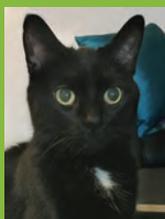
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Moving? Got great stuff to give away? Donate it to Gerdy's. All proceeds go to help the animals.



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Dahlia's life was wretched

For 12 years deprived of any physical contact and just given the basics of food and water, **Dahlia's** family finally surrendered her. So damaged, she hid in a cupboard in her new home for the first two months. Today she is an interactive cat who loves to hang out with her family on the sofa for a night of TV.



Against all odds

Ellie and her siblings were found at four weeks old and brought to a local shelter. The others all died of panleukopenia. Ellie had it too and the 1.5 lb. kitty requiring urgent, aggressive treatment was transferred to Gerdy's. After weeks in intensive care, Ellie is now healthy and ready for adoption.



Off the streets

Sergeant is one of nine semi-feral strays that were taken off the streets in Verdun. Skittish and frightened of people, we realized that he needed another cat to feel secure. Enter Eddie, his new buddy, with whom he shares his forever home. Sergeant is more confident with every day.



Caillou, the miracle cat

A groomer called us in tears about the severely neglected cat she was asked to groom. She appealed to the owner to surrender him to Gerdy's. Emaciated, severely matted to the skin, in kidney and heart failure and 18 years old, sweet **Caillou** has defied all odds. With vet care, proper food and medication, he is a happy camper in his palliative home.



...And they lived happily ever after

Given up for euthanasia at only three years old because of litterbox inconsistency, **Ariel** was with us for one and a half years. At each new home she protested, manifesting by intentional "pee accidents" everywhere. Then along came her saviour and the one-on-one relationship that she craved. There are no more accidents!



Special thanks to the JEANNETTE PEKARI FOUNDATION which helps us with the sterilization and medical care of stray cats.